Mainstreaming Social Accountability in Public Administration Education Towards Strengthening Good Governance

Social Accountability Forum and Partners' Meeting

Philippine Social Science Center Commonwealth Avenue, Quezon City 9am-4pm, 28 May 2010

Rationale

The Ateneo de Manila University-School of Government's Affiliated Network for Social Accountability in East Asia and the Pacific (AdeMU/ASoG ANSA-EAP) and the Association of Schools of Public Administration in the Philippines (ASPAP) forged partnership on 01 December 2009 to mainstream social accountability in public administration curricula in the Philippines. Specifically, the partnership seeks to influence framing of ASPAP's efforts in promoting civic engagement for good governance, develop and pilot test social accountability courses with ASPAP members, and create a pool of champions and educators of social accountability in higher educational institutions (HEI), among others.

Being the first of its kind in East Asia and the Pacific, this joint undertaking hopes to provide a framework for mainstreaming social accountability in formal education, which can be adapted by other HEIs in the region.

A crucial step in establishing and nurturing any partnerships is to define shared roles, benefits, and responsibilities of partners. While they may have different stakes and expertise they bringing in to the project, partners should work together toward achieving a common goal.

This "Social Accountability Forum and Partners' Meeting" aims to level-off understanding and expectations of AdeMU/ASoG ANSA EAP and ASPAP on the present learning engagement. It is designed to clarify areas of collaboration, arrive at a common understanding of social accountability and the value of mainstreaming it in the public administration curriculum. It is also a venue for partners to organize a Joint Working Group that will initiate and oversee implementation of mainstreaming strategies and development of social accountability (SAc) modules.

Specific Objectives

This one-day event is divided into two parts: (1) social accountability forum and (2) partners' meeting.

The social accountability forum will enable partner institutions, particularly ASPAP, to:

- 1. Facilitate appreciation of ANSA-EAP's framing of social accountability and good governance;
- 2. Gain better understanding of ANSA-EAP's program strategies and approaches; and
- 3. Appreciate the value of mainstreaming SAc in HEIs through the sharing of ongoing initiatives and accomplishments in applying SAc approaches and promoting learning and capacity building in SAc.

The **partners' meeting** is a venue for partners to:

- 1. Level-off their understanding of the goals, objectives, activities, and expected deliverables of the partnership;
- 2. Gather feedbacks and refine the work plans using a metaplan technique; and
- 3. Organize a Joint Working Group composed of teaching and research staff from ASPAP member schools and ANSA-EAP staff.

Participants

The participants who will attend from AdeMU/ASOG ANSA-EAP include representatives of the ANSA-EAP units (networking, research and knowledge management, communication, and learning/capacity building). We will also invite the Dean of ASoG. Public administration practitioners who have applied SAc approaches, representatives of institutions who have mainstreamed SAc, and resource persons who provided valuable inputs to ANSA EAP's learning and capacity building programs will be present to share ANSA-EAP's ongoing initiatives and accomplishments in institutional mainstreaming of SAc.

From the side of ASAP, the participants who will attend will include its officers, staff, and representatives of the member schools.

Program of Activities

| | Introductory Forum on Social Accountability Facilitator: ASPAP |
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| 8:30 – 9:00 | Registration |
| 9:00 – 9:30 | Welcome Remarks Randee C. Cabaces, ANSA-EAP Learning and Capacity Building Coordinator Dr. Grace Gorospe Jamon, ASPAP President |
| | Introduction of participants |
| | Overview of the day's program |
| 9:30 – 10:00 | ASPAP and ANSA-EAP Partnership to Mainstream Social Accountability in Public Administration Curricula in the Philippines: An Overview Randee C. Cabaces Dr. Grace Gorospe-Jamon |
| 10:00 – 10:45 (with coffee break) | ANSA-EAP's Framing of Social Accountability Randee C. Cabaces and Adelfo Briones, ANSA-EAP Research Coordinator |
| | Social Accountability Framework Strategic Program Approaches and Objectives Mutual Learning-in-Action Approach and Competency Framework |
| 10:45 – 11:00 | Open forum |
| 11:00 – 11:45 | Sharing of Experiences on Mainstreaming Social Accountability |
| | Mayor Sonia Lorenzo, San Isidro, Nueva Ecija (Social accountability champion/practitioner from the local government) Adelfo Briones, ANSA-EAP (lecturer/instructor in Master in Public Management program of the Ateneo School of Government, and inhouse resource person/facilitator for ANSA EAP's learning and capacity building program) Edward Gacusana, Makati Business Club and Philippine Procurement Network (resource person for the ANSA-EAP's Social Accountability School in Cambodia, and ANSA EAP Network Fellow on procurement) |

| 11:45 – 12:00 | Open forum |
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| 12:00 – 1:00 | Lunch |
| | <u>Partners' Meeting</u> Facilitator: ASPAP |
| 1:15 – 2:15 | Planning to clarify and build consensus on the goals and objectives, strategies, activities, and evaluation design of the engagement ASPAP and ANSA-EAP |
| 2:15-2:45 | Formation of a Joint Working Group to Mainstream SAc in Public Administration Curricula in the Philippines ANSA-EAP and ASPAP |
| 2:45-3:15 | Closing Remarks Dr. Antonio G.M. La Vina Dean, Ateneo School of Government Dr. Alex B. Brillantes Jr. Dean, NCPAG, U.P. Diliman |